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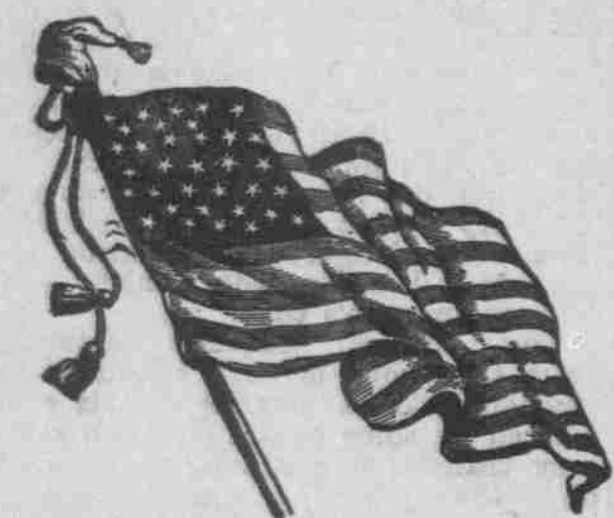
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## FOOD PRODUCTION FACTS.

Most Vermont farmers aver that they cannot raise the necessary grains for stock feeding on their own land. This is probably true to some extent, yet those who have given the subject most study believe the amount raised could be greatly increased.

A glance at government statistics for the feed bills of the Vermont farmer is rather startling, and the editor finds that the Orleans county farmer is the greatest purchaser of foreign-grown feeds in the state. Per farm and per cow the farmers of Orleans county purchase more feed than any other county in Vermont. The last available figures are for 1909 and show that the grain bill on 2400 Orleans county farms was more than a half million dollars yearly—to be exact, \$509,765. This is a daily feed bill approximating \$1500.

Yet one Orleans county farmer told the Monitor within a few days that he produced all the feed he used except cotton-seed meal. This man is a prosperous farmer on a good average 20 to 30 cow farm and is not more favorably located for raising grains than most of our farmers.

The Monitor has no expert advice to give but does believe more feed could be raised by Vermont farmers, and especially by Orleans county farmers.

An encouraging sign among the farmers of this locality is the tendency to grow wheat and it is rumored that one or more wheat mills are to be installed in this county.

It may be the extremely high prices of all grain products was the one thing that would awaken the farmer of today to the possibilities of producing more for themselves in the way of grains.

The editor would call attention to the very interesting matter on page six of this issue which tells of the early days of the Civil war in Orleans county.

The Monitor has no objection to Roosevelt going to France with a self-raised army, but the precedent the nation would establish would be dangerous.

The farmer who is afraid potatoes will be so plenty in the fall that they will be as low as 25 cents per bushel, probably did not hear the villager bragging about the bargain he had made for his potatoes next fall, at \$1 per bushel.

Effects of our state of war finds early reflection in national and international convention postponements. The international Christian Endeavor convention to have been held in New York this summer has been postponed a year at least and the American Sunday School union has postponed a great Philadelphia celebration and other cancellations and postponements will follow.

## The Greater Offense.

As between Sunday gardening to raise more produce and automobile driving for pleasure there can be little question as to which is a greater breach of Sabbath-day observance.—Burlington Clipper.

## What Reveals the Man.

The world does not always select the best man. It is drawn to the one whose appearance and conduct reflects its ideal. It forgets that often the best man is far above its conventional notions. His ideals are so far in advance they are counted erratic and visionary. He treats the popular commonplaces with supreme disdain and the unthinking crowd find little in him. Subsequently history reveals the big man.

## WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

## Red Tape Expensive.

Some people are wondering why it should be necessary to spend \$3,000 in order to get back \$1,000 or so of food in Burlington's local food campaign. Red tape, like everything else, costs more now than formerly; and it takes more than ever before to go around, in Vermont as elsewhere.—Burlington Free Press.

## A Lack of Spirit.

A downright died-in-the-wool, old-time, rousing spirit of patriotism in this little corner of the U. S. A. is minus. Realization that we are embroiled in the mightiest struggle in the world's history there does not seem to be. We do not know we are at war, that's all there is to it. The spirit of our forefathers is gradually being awakened in many Vermont towns by patriotic rallies, as it were, band playing, stirring speeches, appeals to enlist (often made, we fear, by men who would not enlist for a ten-acre farm,) gorgeous displays of colors and other telling recitals.

In Swanton recently there was a meeting of the board of trade, in design and intent a gathering to boost and stir up the frozen souls of us apathy experts. The moral effect of that meeting was good, but enlistment talk does not seem to grow, and but for the fact that there may be a few more flags flying from the homes one could not distinguish these times in Swanton from the sanest kind of a Fourth.

The do or die, now or never spirit will never dominate, enlistment fever can never burn in this particular peaceful corner, unless some national disaster, spreading its fire as did the wrecking of the lamented Maine, touches the pride and pulls heavily on the heart strings of every descendant of the fathers of liberty.—Swanton Courier.

## An Overheard Conversation.

"You believe in God, don't you?"  
"Yes, of course."  
"God could stop the war if he wanted to?"  
"Yes."

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. The individual is but an atom, a nation, but small particles, time and space only relative terms. Terrible as this world war is, with its awful toll of life and suffering, of sacrifice and privations, of ruin and devastation, it may in the ages to come prove the melting pot of civilization, from which the dross is removed. It may bring democracy to the world and equality to all men everywhere, equal rights and privileges on every land that God's sunshine touches. Look at Russia, sodden with vodka, made absolute prohibition in a single day. Suppose the Russian started to drink the world the world forever. That alone, looking far down the vistas of the centuries, would be worth all that the war costs. Think what it would mean in eliminating suffering, degradation, poverty and crime. No great or permanent good was ever brought to the world save through intense suffering. I believe that back of this war there is an Almighty Power working for a fixed purpose. As individuals and as nations He is using us as His tools. We would be faltering in the faith if we did not believe that right, truth and justice will eventually triumph and prevail. The millennium may never come, certainly those of the present generation cannot expect to see it. It needs no vivid nor far-reaching imagination, however, to picture conditions arising out of this titanic conflict as more efficient, more economical, more wholesome, and infinitely cleaner, sweeter and purer than anything that the world has ever known."—Brattleboro Reformer.

## The Lyndon Idea.

With the rest of the state somewhat feverishly striving to make headway in the line of greater food production, it is useful to cast an eye toward Lyndon, where the "home project club" has been in successful operation for about nine years.

The far-flung activities of this club have been "written up" many times, but it may be stated that they include the following: Vegetable gardening, canning, dooryard improvement, special crops, potatoes, forestry, maple sugar, poultry, livestock, pigs, butter and cheese, cooking, sewing and handicrafts of various kinds.

Practically every one of these activities becomes of vital importance in the present war crisis, and the past years of hard work in interest, vigor, and energy have been a great boon to the Lyndon club. The slogan of the club so far as canning is concerned, is "a can of green, a can of fruit, a can of vegetables" for every family for every day in the year. Consider what this means in these days of tight necessities for conserving and preserving food!

Right now, Mrs. Chase's pupils are devoting much time to one of our most valuable foodstuffs, to wit, the resplendent and piebald dandelion.

The Herald was somewhat smugly ridiculed last year for urging its readers to put up a lot of dandelions. Now comes an expert who says, "not less than 100 cans for every family!" She also recommends canning rhubarb, spinach and asparagus during the present month.

As for method: "Any one knowing the cold pack method can put up 100 cans per day—one rule for all foodstuffs, meats, fruits, vegetables and greens."

When one considers that this advice is the result of experience, not theory, it becomes well worth following.

Incidentally, any one who seems skeptical about the value of dandelions ought to send for the Cornell bulletin, "Dandelions as a Food." It is said to be illuminating.—Rutland Herald.

## VERMONT NOTES

The annual session of the departmental council, grand encampment, grand lodge and Rebekah assembly will be held at Rutland beginning May 15 and lasting through the 18th.

The summer school at Castleton, under the auspices of the state board of education and under the direct control of the Castleton normal school, will be held July 2 to 28.

The 122d annual meeting of the Vermont Congregational conference will be held in the Congregational church at Brandon Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 15, 16 and 17.

Fire of unexplained origin destroyed the Glen House, a three-story hotel in Jacksonville, near Brattleboro, and damaged Elbert J. Roberts' residence. The loss is estimated at \$2500, well covered by insurance.

Ned Devino, who was gored by a bull on the farm of Ray Ransom in Essex Center Thursday afternoon, died Friday at the hospital where he was taken following the accident. William Grimes of Hyde Park was severely injured by a bull Thursday but will live.

If plans at present being worked out by Gov. Graham, Judge J. E. Weeks, director of state institutions, and the various sheriffs in this state mature it is probable that by the first of July a large part of the jail population of this state will be at work on the state highways.

State Highway Commissioner Stoddard B. Bates has issued to the selectmen, road commissioners and special commissioners a letter from Governor Graham in which he suggests that no highway construction be started until June 1 and that highway work be confined to patrol and maintenance, thereby releasing men for farm work during May.

Charles B. Webster, chief engineer of the fire department at Castleton, has been arrested on a warrant charging him with gross neglect of his duties. He has been placed under bonds of \$1,000. It is said that the arrest of Mr. Webster was the result of alleged negligence to properly care for hose after the big fire at Castleton a few weeks ago.

Private Melzie, a member of the Third Battery, New York artillery, being held at Fort Ethan Allen following a court martial, and Private Valles of M troop of the Second cavalry, who deserted from the post May 1, were found at Richmond the next day by a detachment of G troop under Lieutenant D. O. Nelson, which had been scouting the surrounding country since the disappearance of the two men. The deserters were taken prisoners and are at the guard house at the post.

The Vermont state fair commission has unanimously voted to offer the use of the state fair grounds at White River Junction to the governor, to be utilized by United States troops, the First Vermont Regiment or Home Guards for a drill ground, rendezvous camp, or any purpose for which the grounds are adapted to the use of the United States government should decide to organize an aviation corps in the East it is believed the grounds would be found to be almost ideal for this purpose.

## Application of Draft to Vermont.

The tentative regulations for the military registration under the proposed conscription law prepared by the war department provide:

"That the grand divisions of control shall be the states under the direction of the governors.  
"That the states shall be divided into a number of districts corresponding to the next minor political subdivision within the state. Normally this division is the county, and where there is a county administrative organization, the county must be used. In New England and in states where there is no county organization, the town may be used."

In order to adapt the regulations to conditions in Vermont, the governor will designate local registration boards in each town and city, consisting of the moderator or mayor, the town or city clerk and the local health officer. Definite instructions will be sent to these boards a sufficient time before the registration day.

Barton's town clerk, in common with other town clerks in the county, has already received certain blanks and information and within 24 hours after the signing of the conscription bill, further instructions as to duties will be received.

## BURNING THE LEAVES.

## A Foolish Waste of What Might Be a Valuable Fertilizer.

Many tons of valuable fertilizer are wasted every year through our practice of raking the fallen leaves from lawns and parks into the street and burning them. We destroy one of the best of nature's fertilizers, that on which she relies for the renewal of the vegetable humus in the soil.

All nature's protection is removed in the interest of tidiness. Then we wonder why lawns must be so frequently resodded and why grass seed "won't catch." The fallen leaves protect the roots of grass and shrubs from the freezing and thawing of winter and deposited in a corner of the back yard with a little earth thrown over them prevent their blowing away. In a year or two are converted into what the forester calls "duff," an organic material which makes the loam that grows the farmer's best crops.

It is an excellent top dressing for the lawn and enrichment for flowers and shrubs and, mixed with a little ordinary earth, a most desirable soil for filling the window boxes and repotting plants, something hard to get in town. It is invaluable to the amateur gardener who utilizes his back yard, and yet it is almost invariably wasted. We pay thousands of dollars every year for phosphates and nitrates and overlook this valuable product of nature's laboratory.—Detroit Free Press.

## Grain Salesmen in Newburgh, N. Y.

Representatives of Ralston-Purina Company Open Conference Yesterday.

## URGE FOOD ECONOMY

Officers Lecture Salesmen—Grain Mills Offered to the Government.

Representatives of the Ralston-Purina company of Buffalo and St. Louis opened a three days' conference in this city yesterday morning with headquarters at the Palatine hotel. Salesmen from New York, New Jersey and the New England states are present. It is the annual eastern conference of the salesmen and during this week there are six conferences of the representatives of the firm in the different sections of the country. The company is one of the biggest grain corporations in the country and the purpose of the conference in the Palatine is for the officers of the firm who are in attendance to lecture the salesmen on the best manner of disposing of their goods and the manner of getting the most usefulness out of the products. The salesmen are being given lectures and after this meeting they will be expected to lecture, explaining the different uses and the way in which to secure the best results. In this present situation of the country the company is extending every effort in order to enlighten the people of the conditions of the care of grain, poultry, etc., and they are giving expert advice in encouraging economy.

The conference opened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock with President William H. Danforth of St. Louis presiding. Other officers of the company present were: A. F. Seay, treasurer of the St. Louis; U. L. Hedrick, manager of the Buffalo mill, E. T. Hall, manager of the St. Louis mill. The men were given a thorough talk on the economy of the products they are handling and were told to urge the buyers to do all in their power to assist the people in getting the best results.

The Ralston-Purina company has offered its mills to the United States government and until such time as they are accepted the officials are working on a conservation plan. It is to use the food and products of the company with a greater degree of efficiency and to adjust the work of the firm in order to give the salesmen the benefit of expert experience in discussing the uses of the products to give the people the knowledge of the work to enable them to secure the most benefit. They discussed the killing of poultry and it is the intention of the company officials that this should not be encouraged.

## Save Your Hens and Kill the Roosters.

The hens and other poultry should not be destroyed as they are coming a time when they will be in need of it. The representatives listened to the discussion by the officers of the raising of poultry and other facts pertaining to poultry.

The firm has six mills in the United States in the following cities: St. Louis, East St. Louis, Buffalo, Nashville, Tenn., and Fort Worth, Texas. Another meeting was held last evening and the men will meet every morning and evening during their stay in this city. Today there was a discussion on food for cows and calves, and on Wednesday the representatives will talk on food for horses, mules and human beings.

—G. F. McGoff, representative for Vermont. adv.

## Blessed Smiles.

The good-natured man is not only a blessing to himself, but to all with whom he comes in contact. He makes life seem possible when the surroundings are thick with gloom and disappointments. He causes sunshine and cheer to enter into the dreary drudgery of everyday trials and difficulties. If he is the head of the firm he gets more from his men with a smile than he would with a frown. He knows that keeping good-natured keeps him on the high pedestal.

## This week we are unloading four carloads of farm implements.

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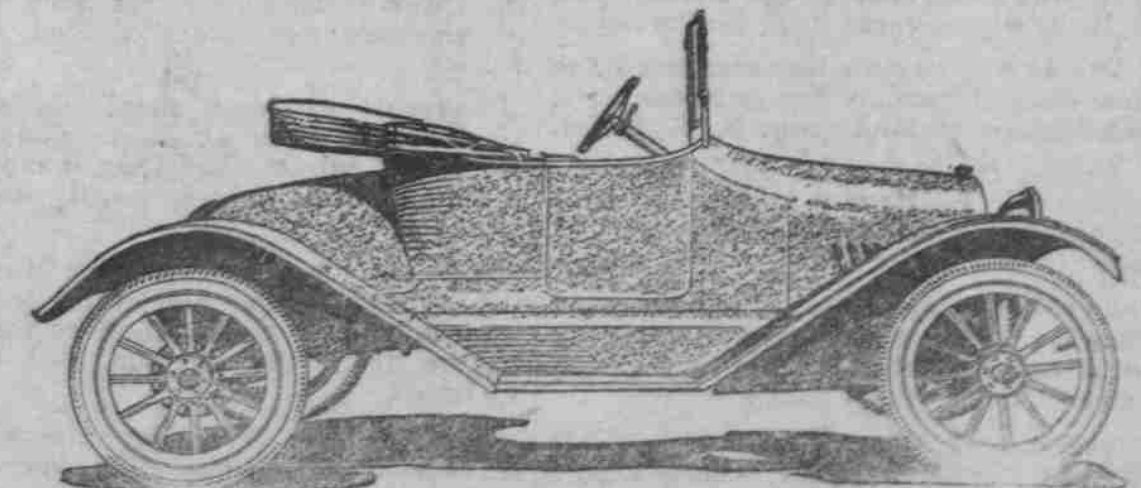
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To all persons interested in the estate of William T. Wiggins late of Barton in said district deceased.

GREETING:  
At a Probate Court, holden at Newport within and for said District on the 20th day of April 1917, an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William T. Wiggins late of Barton in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid for Probate.  
And it is ordered by said Court that the 15th day of May 1917 at F. W. Baldwin's office in said Barton, at 2 o'clock p. m., be assigned for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned, by publishing this notice three weeks successively in the Orleans County Monitor, a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will, if you have cause.  
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The Probate office at NEWPORT will be open every day, except Sundays and holidays; but those coming from a distance, as far as possible, should make special appointments with the Court in advance.  
RUFUS W. SPEAR, Judge.